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Andre Blake sentenced to life behind bars for 2007 Dover homicide

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Department of Justice today announced that Andre Blake, age 28 of Dover, has been sentenced by Judge Robert B. Young to prison for his natural life, followed by 45 years incarceration, followed by 2 years of intensive probation.

Today's sentence follows Blake's January 26, 2009 conviction in Kent County Superior Court of First Degree Murder, Attempted Murder, 8 counts of Reckless Endangering First Degree, and 10 counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony.

On September 1, 2007 in the area of North New Street in Dover, Andre Blake's girlfriend was involved in a physical altercation with a group of young women. After the altercation ended, witnesses heard Blake threaten the group with physical harm. One of the women involved in the altercation walked away from the incident and was speaking to occupants of a vehicle stopped on the side of North New Street. During that conversation, Blake began firing a 9 mm handgun in the direction of the woman. One of the bullets entered the stopped vehicle and struck and killed a 16 year-old passenger. Blake was arrested on September 1, 2007 by Dover Police.

"We are pleased with today's sentence and feel confident that Delaware's communities are now safer," said State Prosecutor Richard Andrews. The case was prosecuted by Deputy Attorneys General Kenneth Haltom and Jason Cohee. Paralegal Crystal Carey and Administrative Assistant Susan Balik provided legal and administrative support on this case.

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